

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Mite Maru leaves for Yama.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, July 19.—

Goods per *Shimane Maru* not cleared after this date subject to rent.

FRIEDAY, July 20.—

Goods per *Tenkin* not cleared before noon subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 21.—

Goods per *Triste* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 23.—

Goods per *Shimane Maru* not cleared after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, July 25.—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings.

THURSDAY, July 31.—

Interim Dividend of \$1.50 on Shares of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., payable.

Interim Dividend of \$1.50 on Shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., payable.

Exchange.

Hongkong, July 16, 1900.

On London 111 1/2

On demand 111 1/2

On 30 days sight 111 1/2

On 60 days sight 111 1/2

On 90 days sight 111 1/2

On 120 days sight 111 1/2

On 150 days sight 111 1/2

On 180 days sight 111 1/2

On 210 days sight 111 1/2

On 240 days sight 111 1/2

On 270 days sight 111 1/2

On 300 days sight 111 1/2

On 330 days sight 111 1/2

On 360 days sight 111 1/2

On 390 days sight 111 1/2

On 420 days sight 111 1/2

On 450 days sight 111 1/2

On 480 days sight 111 1/2

On 510 days sight 111 1/2

On 540 days sight 111 1/2

On 570 days sight 111 1/2

On 600 days sight 111 1/2

On 630 days sight 111 1/2

On 660 days sight 111 1/2

On 690 days sight 111 1/2

On 720 days sight 111 1/2

On 750 days sight 111 1/2

On 780 days sight 111 1/2

On 810 days sight 111 1/2

On 840 days sight 111 1/2

On 870 days sight 111 1/2

On 900 days sight 111 1/2

On 930 days sight 111 1/2

On 960 days sight 111 1/2

On 990 days sight 111 1/2

On 1020 days sight 111 1/2

On 1050 days sight 111 1/2

On 1080 days sight 111 1/2

On 1110 days sight 111 1/2

On 1140 days sight 111 1/2

On 1170 days sight 111 1/2

On 1200 days sight 111 1/2

On 1230 days sight 111 1/2

On 1260 days sight 111 1/2

On 1290 days sight 111 1/2

On 1320 days sight 111 1/2

On 1350 days sight 111 1/2

On 1380 days sight 111 1/2

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On 1470 days sight 111 1/2

On 1500 days sight 111 1/2

On 1530 days sight 111 1/2

On 1560 days sight 111 1/2

On 1590 days sight 111 1/2

On 1620 days sight 111 1/2

On 1650 days sight 111 1/2

On 1680 days sight 111 1/2

On 1710 days sight 111 1/2

On 1740 days sight 111 1/2

On 1770 days sight 111 1/2

On 1800 days sight 111 1/2

On 1830 days sight 111 1/2

On 1860 days sight 111 1/2

On 1890 days sight 111 1/2

On 1920 days sight 111 1/2

On 1950 days sight 111 1/2

On 1980 days sight 111 1/2

On 2010 days sight 111 1/2

On 2040 days sight 111 1/2

On 2070 days sight 111 1/2

On 2100 days sight 111 1/2

On 2130 days sight 111 1/2

On 2160 days sight 111 1/2

On 2190 days sight 111 1/2

On 2220 days sight 111 1/2

On 2250 days sight 111 1/2

On 2280 days sight 111 1/2

On 2310 days sight 111 1/2

On 2340 days sight 111 1/2

On 2370 days sight 111 1/2

On 2400 days sight 111 1/2

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 16, 1900.

Editorial Comment.

As Mr Scott, British Consul

THE SITUATION in Canton, has not given

IN SOUTH the public any information

CHINA, as to what steps he has

taken for the defence of

the Southern capital of China, although

no instructions can have reached him

from Peking. Foreign residents generally

both here and elsewhere are becoming

anxious as to the results which may

follow the departure of Viceroy Li

from Canton. It matters not what authority

the Viceroy may now be assuming to

obey in going North. We have a shrewd

notion that the veteran Viceroy would not

make any vigorous objection, if he were

informed his presence were specially re-

quired in his own provincial capital. No

one knows better than the Grand Old Man

of China the incalculable ruin which Prince

Tuan and his anti-foreign accomplices are

now forcing upon the people of China. The

question then arises, who is to bring the

pressure? Consul Scott may have com-

municated with London on the subject,

and may have received instructions; but

unfortunately that venerable official

seems to have so many weighty duties

to perform, that he has never apparently

found time to let the public (or even his

fellow-nationals on the Shamoon) know

what has been or can be done. The Gov-

ernment of Hongkong must now come

forward, it seems to us, and obtain

instructions from Downing Street. It

is no use allowing the grass to grow

under our feet; and Sir Henry

Blake has just as much as if not

more right to protect Canton than any one

else. We hear that both the China As-

sociation and the Navy League Committee

are alive upon this question; and it is

certainly not before the time. This ostrich-

like policy of burying the head in the

sand has gone on long enough; and al-

though there is every reason to rejoice over

the banding together of the leading Vice-

roys in favour of the protection of native

and foreign life and property, still every

precaution should also be taken to carry

out that imperative duty and of course

from the absence of London wires refer-

ring to the terrible situation at Peking, we

must conclude that the eloquent assur-

ances of Portland Palace have once more

been dulling the sensibilities of the Foreign

Office. So far as our news now goes, there

is no longer any Foreign Legation in Chin.

Why, then, should not those officials who

come next in order move, and more quickly,

towards the attainment of law and order?

So far as South China is concerned, Sir

Henry Blake comes next. Will he do it?

Some one must.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE BOER WAR.

LONDON, 12th July.

Several parties of the enemy threaten

the Johannesburg Pretoria railway, but the

line is strongly guarded.

LONDON, 13th July.

Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria 12th

inst., that the Boers overpowered the

garrison at Nieuw-Bethesda capturing two

guns of the battery, nearly a squadron of

Greys and 90 Lincolns. The fight lasted

throughout the day and the reinforcements

arrived too late to assist.

A simultaneous attack on Dordrecht was

repulsed. Gen. Smith-Dorrien inflicted heavy

loss on the enemy near Krugersdorp, and

General Buller repulsed them at Paarde

Kraal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Murder Charge.

The sloop *Alfred* of 21st July last,

which has been several times mentioned by

us has developed into a murder case. The

blind old man, who was so brutally lacerated

with chopppers, having died, the two pri-

soners will now be charged with causing

his death. They were brought up to-day

and remanded.

A Couple of 'Japs'.

A couple of 'Japs' were fined \$10

each for attempting to overturn a rickshaw

in which was seated Mr. Sherington of

Calbeck, McGregor and Coy's Office.

The 'Japs' were seamen belonging to the

Mite Maru and yesterday, being under the

influence of drink, they and three others

were molesting people on the roadway near

Hang Hau.

A Noisy Marine.

Private Albert White, Royal Marine

Light Infantry, was sentenced by Court-

martial at Chatham on 12th June to ten

months' hard labour for assaulting Corporal

Middleton, Royal Marine Artillery, on the

battleship *Victorious*, in the Mediterranean.

The defence set up was that there was a

fight between the two men, and that the

corporal was the aggressor. It was further

stated that the corporal was of a quarrel-

some disposition, and at Wei-hai-wei offered

to fight any red Marine in the China

Squadron.

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Notes by the Way.

H.M.S. *Endymion* was sent downfrom Taku to assist the U.S.S. *Orepan*.

Mr E. C. Lewis has been appointed

Director of the Widows and Orphans

Fund; vice Mr C. W. Duggan, absent on

leave.

The return of plague cases up to noon

on the 16th July showed that 16 fresh

cases and 16 deaths occurred during the

preceding 48 hours.

Arrangements are in progress for the

conversion of the China Merchants' Steam

Navigation Company into a limited com-

pany under the Hongkong Ordinances.

There were 394 European and 139

Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,

and 157 European and 1,896 visitors to the

Museum during the week ending 15th

July.

A proclamation published in the *Govern-*ment *Gazette* prohibits for a further

period of four months, from and including

28th July, the exportation of arms, am-

munition and military and naval stores.

A number of well-to-do Chinese were

each fined \$15, at the Magistrate's court,

for creating an unreasonably disturbance at

two o'clock this morning, near Kennedytown.

One of the prisoners had \$500 in his

possession. The others were also very

flush.

Being twitted in the French Chamber

with having ordered the two gunboats from

Messrs. Thornycroft and Co., which are

being put together at the Hongkong and

Whampoa Dock Co.'s premises, Mr. de

Lanoe explained that the French and

Sanson arsenals were incapable of construct-

ing them.

Warships for China.

From St. Petersburg it is stated that

two warships of the Baltic Fleet are under

orders to join the Far Eastern Squadron;

and the new first-class Russian cruiser,

now approaching completion in Gamp's

yard, at Philadelphia, will proceed thence

direct to Port Arthur.

The Defence of Hongkong.

A home paper says: "The question of

the defence of Hongkong is naturally oc-

cupying some attention. With the excep-

tion of the Mediterranean Fleet the

largest squadron maintained abroad is

that in China. Hongkong is the base

of that fleet, and it has been laid

down that Hongkong is not to be de-

pendent on the fleet for defence. It is

declared, however, that the defences are

quite inadequate to the importance of the

island. The garrison consists of 3,000 men,

but when the forts are manned there is not

one man available for the defence of the

heights in rear of the town or to oppose a

force landing on any of the beaches on the

south side. The late Colonel Blundell re-

portedly reported that he declined, as the

responsible Engineer officer, to answer for

the fortress while the south side of the island

was unprotected, and he made various sug-

gestions for improving the defences. All

his protests and suggestions appear, how-

ever, to have been disregarded. A serious

element of danger to British interests is

